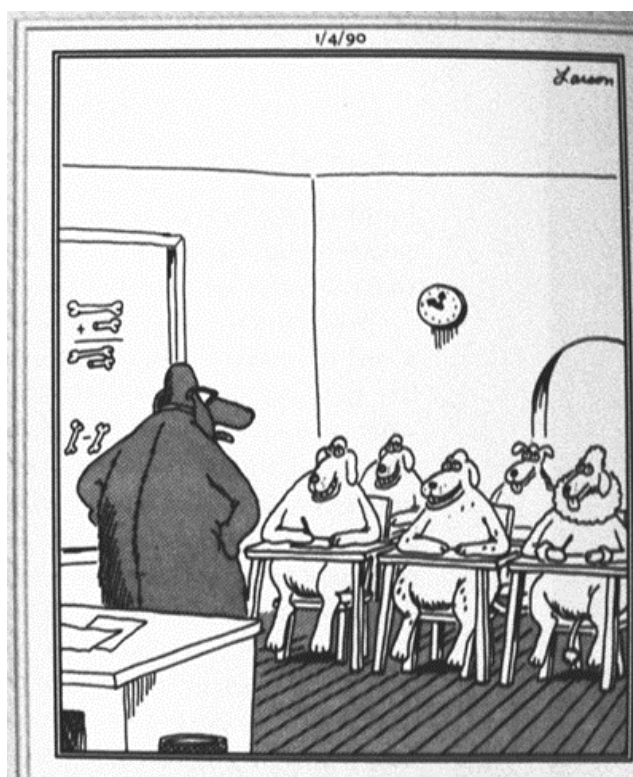


## CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jun 17 <sup>th</sup>	G. White	P. McAloon	T. Gemmola, G. North & MA McDougall		R&M Jerram	P. Lardner, B. Mannix & P. Brennan	P. Gemmola	M. Stapleton & Joan Bond	J. Clery & E. Shea
Sun Jun 18 <sup>th</sup>	J. Brennan	R. Cooper	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	H&A Collins	Kathy Leggett & Blessie Stone-man	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Jun 24 <sup>th</sup>	C. Brennan	G. North	H&A Collins		Marg Joyce	C. Bush & J. Clery	G. White	M. Stapleton & K. Cham-mings	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Jun 25 <sup>th</sup>	P. Lardner	M. McQwan	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J&J Crowe	L&D Anderson	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)

## Joke of the Week



"Well here we go again, ....did anyone here NOT eat his or her homework on the way to school?!" **Gary Larson copyright**

## Vinnies Winter Appeal

You will find some envelopes at the back of the Church should you wish to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Please drop your contributions into the Vinnies Shop on Barkly St. If you would like to put a hamper together—Vinnies always welcome some of the following products—dried pasta, 2 minute noodles, crackers, biscuits, packet soup, tinned soup, snacks, cereals and rice.

Many thanks for your contributions.

## Child Safe Church

Here at the Church of the Immaculate Conception we follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office.

Our Safe Guarding Officer is Emma Coburn and you can download our Code of Conduct and Child Safety Policy from the Parish website.

If you have any concerns whatsoever—please contact the Parish Office, a member of the Clergy, the Safe Guarding Officer on Ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au



## Sunday, 18 Jun 2017: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - (Corpus Christi) - Year A

As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which The Church of The Immaculate Conception is built, the Tjapwurong people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

**First Reading** Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12  
(R.) Praise the Lord, [Jerusalem](#).

1. O praise the Lord, [Jerusalem](#)!

[Zion](#), praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. (R.)

2. He has established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)

3. He makes his word known to [Jacob](#),

to [Israel](#) his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 10:16-17

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Jn 6:51-58

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**17th/18th June 2017**

## RECENT DEATHS:

Fr. Les Sheahan

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Bushick, Fr Michael Jones, Margaret Sullivan, Hugh Nailon, Valda Jerram, Patrick Brennan, Lionel Egan

Dulce Makepeace, Fr. Austin Brennan, Beryl Nailor, Carmela Busuttill, Trish Cuthbert, John Keogh, Catherine Keogh, Edward Cleary, Patricia Grano, John Rieniets, Pat Kelly, Norman Turnbull, Irene Karslake, Fr Michael Fallon, Jean Keogh, Corrine Keogh, Fr Michael Doyle, Fr Don Dunne, John Murphy, Ern Trotter, Colin O'Toole, Bob Rutter, Kit Morris, Nicholas Kalomiris, Dennis Keogh, Tony Van Diesen, Bernard Maddocks, Richard O'Neill, Tony Niccolaci, Alan McLoughlin

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Grace Molloy, Taine Pearce, Emily May, Bernie Sorsogon (Manilla), Barry Wilson, Shirley Billet, Natasha Martens.

*If you would like a sick person prayed for, ask for their permission. Names will be included for the duration of ONE MONTH after which family or friends can request more time.*

## Please pray for the intentions of:

## Confirmation & First Communion:

Congratulations to Philippa Bush—daughter of Nick and Celine.

## First Communion:

Congratulations to Samuel Hanson—son of Shane and Jacinta

## PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family.

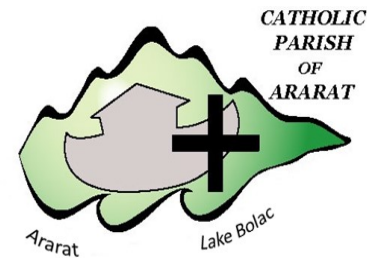
Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out in love to one another,

in a neighbourly community. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

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**Office Hours:** Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am-3pm (see details for July/Aug)



**PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:** Mr Tom Hogan  
Download newsletter—[www.smararat.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smararat.catholic.edu.au)  
**PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE:** Mrs Carmel Barker  
Download newsletter—[www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au)

**MASS TIMES**

	Ararat	Lake Bolac
	(Immaculate Conception)	(St. Bernard's)
Saturday	6.00pm	
Sunday	10.30am	8.30am
2nd Sunday of Every Month		8.30am (Lay Assembly)
<b>Masses This Week</b>		
Thursday 22nd	9.30am	Convent
Friday 23rd	6pm	Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC- MASS 18th June		LAKE BOLAC- MASS June 25th	
<b>READER:</b>	T. Higgins	<b>READER:</b>	L. Breen
<b>PRAYERS:</b>	M. Phillips	<b>PRAYERS:</b>	D. Phillips
<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b>		<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b>	
<b>MINISTER:</b>	R. Liston	<b>MINISTER:</b>	R. Liston

**Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017**

"The only alternative to a civilization of encounter is the incivility of confrontation and to truly contrast the barbarities of the one who breathes on hate and incites to violence, one must accompany and bring to maturity generations that respond to the incendiary logic of evil with the patient growth of good."

**A VOCATION VIEW**

That we can collaborate with God is a humbling truth. That God lives among us is startling. That we are the Body of Christ is our vocation.

**Lifeline:** 131114 **Ararat Police:** 5355 1500  
**Counselling service:** Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674  
**Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing** – 1800 099 340  
**Sexual Assault Crisis line:** 1800 806 292

**Embrace the Shepherds**



In bible times the shepherds were considered outcasts, less worthy of a place in civil society. Here at St Mary's we're making a concerted effort to "embrace the shepherds."

We welcome every person who is unwelcome.

**Saint of the Week:** St. Thomas More, Feast Day June 22nd, Patron Saint of adopted children, difficult marriages, civil servants and politicians. B 1478 D 1535. Thomas More was born in London on February 7, 1478. His father, Sir John More, was a lawyer and judge who rose to prominence during the reign of Edward IV. His connections and wealth would help his son, Thomas, rise in station as a young man. Thomas' mother was Agnes Graunger, the first wife of John More. John would have four wives during his life, but they each died, leaving John as a widower. Thomas had two brothers and three sisters, but three of his siblings died within a year of their birth. Such tragedies were common in England during this time.

Read more on [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)

[www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au)



**Justice Matters Day**

This day comes highly recommended for all interested parishioners. St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Key speaker: Fr Frank Brennan. Saturday June 24, 9:00 am -3 pm. Free entry. To register: [2017familymatters.weebly.com](http://2017familymatters.weebly.com) or email [social\\_justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:social_justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au) More on the notice board

Workshop titles are:

1. Building trust / listening
2. Enriching family relationships
3. Keeping children the focus in blended families
4. Tuning into kids
5. Family violence
6. Having the suicide conversation
7. Respect and dignity for seniors
8. Traveling through the senior years
9. Understand the online world of young people
10. Dealing with online issues
11. Creating a safe online environment

**Filipino Night**

Many thanks to the Filipino Community for putting on such a great spread and evening last Saturday Night. If you missed it—we're hoping for another this time next year! The pressure is on for a great St. Patrick's evening!

**Vinnies Winter Appeal**

The Vinnies Conferences go out in love of Christ to provide assistance to those experiencing hardship and disadvantage in our communities. Last year St. Vincent de Paul Society conferences, throughout Victoria, provided approximately \$11.6 million in assistance to people in need. This is \$1 more than the previous year. The need for the work is growing. While Vinnies do conduct public appeals for funds, we receive very little government funding and so the society depends heavily on the Catholic Community. It is important to highlight that all funds raised by the Ararat Parish—**STAY IN ARARAT**. Please accept our gratitude on behalf of the many people we assist. [Www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) **You can also pop you envelope into the collection at any St. Mary's Mass—these envelopes will then be taken directly to the Vinnies Shop on Barkly Street**

**Office hours during July/August**

Fr. Andrew and Joyce will be away for some of July and August.

The office will be open: **Wednesdays and Fridays—10am-12**

On all other days the phone and the email will still be staffed.

Please email rather than phone if you can.

We will return to normal in September.

**Is God calling you to a deeper relationship ?**

Father Doroteo Bravi CFD, a Monk of the Community of the Sons and Daughters of God will celebrate Mass at St Patricks Cathedral Ballarat on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 6.00pm. Following Mass he will give a talk in the small hall at the Cathedral on the theme "Is God calling you to a deeper relationship with Him?". After the talk there will be cup of tea. All are invited to attend.

**Church Toilets**

All children—Primary school age and under— must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you for your understanding.

**World Refugee Week**

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for '15-'16 "*For Those Who've come across the seas: Justice for refugees and asylum seekers*" challenges us to face the reality of the horror and danger that people face around the world and to work to change Australia's response to people seeking asylum.

When we Australians support policies of cruelty and rejection, we close our ears to Christ's call and turn him away from our doors. We know that we are better than this. As Christians, we know that it is within us to hear the call of Jesus. As Australians we have shown ourselves willing to take the path of generosity and leadership. We can do so again.